

Kentucky Horse Park

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HORSEY INK SLINGERS PEN THEIR WAY TO THE KHP *Camp Horse Writing Contest Winners Learn About Horses*

LEXINGTON, KY (October 7, 2004) Sixty students from Fayette and seven contiguous counties will visit the Kentucky Horse Park on Saturday, October 16th to learn more about the horses they've penned in dreams and essays.

Selected from more than 250 children, these Camp Horse students have submitted winning essays describing why they like horses.

The Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, headquartered in the Kentucky Horse Park's National Horse Center, organizes this event which is held twice annually at the park. The purpose of Camp Horse is to give children in grades one to five a closer look at horses and Kentucky's signature equine industry. The Camp Horse program is also sponsored by the Kentucky Horse Park, WKYT-TV, the Kentucky Education Association (KEA) and the Fayette County Education Association.

At Camp Horse, students and parents get to spend the entire day at the Kentucky Horse Park seeing the sites and learning about horses including horse care, horse handling, tack and farrier care. As the Kentucky Horse Park is *the* place to get close to horses, these students will also get close to the animals they admire while petting and grooming them.

Teachers who are interested in the next Camp Horse essay contest may request entry forms through the KEA office in Lexington. At the ready with noms de plume, junior wordsmiths who would like to participate in Camp Horse should begin to pester their teachers for applications in plenty of time for the March deadline.

For more information on the Camp Horse program, contact Doug Gabbert at Jordan-Chiles, 859-299-6999 or Margi Stickney at the Kentucky Horse Park, 859-259-4263.

Admission to the Kentucky Horse Park through October 31 is \$14 for adults and \$7 for children ages 7-12. Admission includes the American Saddlebred Museum.

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The Kentucky Horse Park is a working horse farm/theme park and equine competition facility dedicated to man's relationship with the horse. The park is an agency of the Kentucky Commerce Cabinet that hosted 913,000 visitors and 80 special events and horse shows in 2003. The park is located at Exit 120, Interstate 75, just north of Lexington. **The** place to get close to horses, the park is open daily March 15 to October 31, and Wednesday through Sunday, November 1 to March 14.